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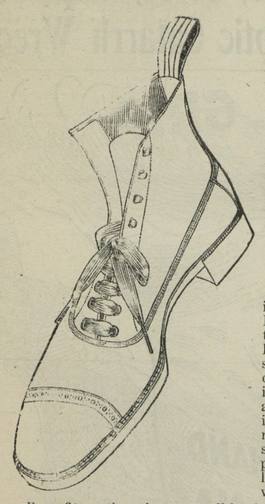

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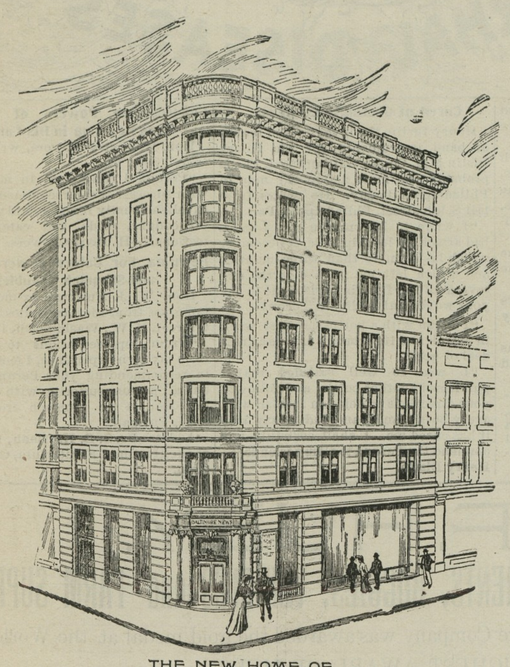

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A RATTLER'S BITE.

How, Under Some Conditions, It May Not Kill the Victim.

It may seem absurd to claim that there are cases where the bite of a rattlesnake is not fatal, yet such have happened, and to understand these it is necessary only to understand the manner in which this reptile strikes.

The spectacle of a rattlesnake at bay is one a beholder never forgets. The great, long body lies coiled in a tense spiral, the very embodiment of wickedness. Poised in air, the white bellied fore body is bent into a horizontal S, rigid as an iron bar. Raised from the middle of the spiral is the tail, quivering like a twanged banjo string and emitting a rattle like steam escaping from the pet cock of a radiator or like the sound of a mowing machine in a distant hayfield. Awe inspiring, the dread, flat, triangular head, eyes gleaming black and cold as icy steel, is ready to strike. As the grewsome mouth opens wide and pink, the long, thin poison fangs arise from a horizontal position and stand upright like a pair of slender, curved, needle pointed shad bones, ready for business. Like a flash, far too quick for the eye to follow, the snake strikes, sending home its fangs an inch or two, and in that same fraction of an instant he has squirted a tablespoonful of canary yellow, viscous fluid into the wound and lies coiled ready for a second attack.

In this incomprehensibly swift attack lies the answer why sometimes the bite of a rattler is not fatal, for so wonderfully swift is the attack that a bite may be imperfect, leaving only a pair of tiny needle punctures with just enough venom to make a victim seriously ill.

Another reason why a rattlesnake's bite is not always fatal is that temporarily the reptile may be without venom. The snake may have exhausted its poison on a previous enemy, in which case it would have to wait several days before the deadly fluid has reaccumulated, or, again, the viper's fangs may have suffered accident. They may have been broken off and require time for new growth. In any case, certain it is that a rattlesnake's poison applied in the proper way will do its work, and then only the most expert and prompt assistance will save a victim.—A. W. Rolker in Pearson's Magazine.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

How a man who is hoarse likes to use his voice!

A person with a forgiving disposition has to put up with a lot.

The average woman is fond of saying that her ambition exceeds her strength.

A merchant is never so busy invoicing that he isn't willing to wait on a good customer.

After a man gets converted his neighbors speculate every time they see him as to how soon he will pay what he owes them.

A family with an artistic temperament isn't really as much of an addition to the neighborhood as one owning a stepladder.

How easily gossip starts! Ever think how little pleasure you get out of a "story" you start and how much trouble you may be making others?—Atchison Globe.

The Deadly Tarantula.

The poison of the Mygale species of tarantula is of a fearful nature—more dreaded than that of a rattlesnake—and unless only slightly scratched and heroic measures used the result is fatal. Many deaths are on record caused by these spiders. The most prolonged suffering was that of a San Diego woman. A tarantula sunk its fangs in her hand during the night. The flesh was cut away with a razor and medical assistance summoned at once. Her life was prolonged for a time as well as her sufferings. For three months she lingered under the effects, her hands constantly creeping and crawling along the bedding in horrible imitations of the motions of the tarantula.

A Bishop's Conundrum.

The bishop of Llandaff is fond of the concoction of conundrums, with which, when a country parson in Pembrokeshire, he loved to bewilder the grave historian Thirlwall. The story goes that not long ago Bishop Lewis concluded a clerical meeting by asking his flock, "If it takes your bishop a week to eat a ham, how long would it take him to eat a hammer?" and made a diplomatic departure to catch his train. When the company had given up the problem they wired to Llandaff for the solution and received the maddening reply, "I don't know; I've never tried."—London Globe.

Secret of Living.

If we can only come back to nature together every year and consider the flowers and the birds and confess our faults and our mistakes under the silent stars and hear the river murmuring in absolution we shall die young, even though we live long, and we shall have a treasure of memories which will be like the twin flower, a double blossom on a single stem, and carry with us into the unseen word something which will make it worth while to be immortal.—Henry Van Dyke.

An Overdose.

"Is it true," asked Mr. Quizo, "that your husband ordered Dr. Smoother out of the house?"

"Yes. Poor Jack had been carrying the baby all night and every night for a week and was run down to a thread. I called the doctor, and he told Jack that he must take exercise."

The Father's Idea.

Johnny—Paw, what's the rest of that quotation beginning, "Truth is mighty?"

Father—"Scarce," I reckon.—Pittsburg Post.

HOW CAME THE SEWING MACHINE TO BE?

A real history of the invention would probably include reference to the existence, and for what cause, of various devices that bear some relation to mechanism for the formation of stitches; but of the sewing machine as the world knows, an instrument designed for and adapted for uniting texile fabrics, by a continuous line of stitching—what influence brought it to us?

No popular demand, nor any pressing need, however limited, is on record as calling for a sewing machine. Eyelids were heavy with midnight sewing, as the world was weary with toil in all vocations; but had any woman ever cried: "Give me a sewing machine?" It is not so written, nor is there such tradition.

The first we know of a sewing machine such as is here referred to, was the life work of an Austrian tailor, who built a machine ninety years ago, and gave all his time and means, with other help obtained, to the effort to improve and perfect, dying disappointed, a pauper. It would seem easy to guess his motive: to gain fame, riches, comfort—or did he dream of conferring a blessing on posterity, and make all that sacrifice in a fruitless effort?

Thirty years later a Vermont preacher and nail maker, doing the pastoral work of two churches through the call of duty, and supporting his family by work at the forge, built a sewing machine. He said that he did it to lighten the labor of woman, which he recognize as severe. He is supported in this claim by the further statement that he abandoned his invention when convinced that it would rob woman of her means of livelihood. He gave his life to preaching and died poor.

A little later a French tailor built a machine, interested capital, installed a factory for the manufacture of clothing, and took a large contract for making army clothing. He gave his own time and all the mony he could influene (it was considerable,) to the establishment of a business on the basis of his invention. He died a poor man, and his invention was abandoned. The persistency with which he struggled against misfortune in the one pursuit, is fair ground for a belief that he was actuated by other motives than mere money gain.

Next in point of time, a typical Yankee built a sewing machine, disposing of the invention for a song, that he might go on inventing other things, which brought him but little gain unless in the satisfaction of accomplishing. Walter Hunt does not appear to have been inspired with any desire for fame, wealth, or by philanthropic purpose, when he invented a sewing machine, along with guns, safety-pins, rheumatic remedy, paper collars and other things. Inventions seemed to come him without prompting. No doubt he expected and hoped to realize great profit from them, but he made little effort to that end, died and comparatively a poor man.

Noted Achievements of Old Men.

Michael Angelo built the great dome of St. Peter's after he was 60.

Newton was 45 before he discovered the law of the attraction of gravity.

At 42 Robert Fulton sailed his steamboat up the Hudson.

At 46 Franklin discovered electricty.

Wesley was 41 when he founded the great Methodist Church.

Wellington was 46 when he beat the great Napoleon at Waterloo.

Webster was 48 when he made the ever-memorable "Reply to Hayne."

Columbus was 46 when he discovered the New World.

Washington was 43 when he took command of the Continental Army.

Beethoven was 54 when he wrote his famous "Mass in D."

Haydn composed "The Creation" at 66 and Handel "The Messiah" at 57.

At 59 Galileo was in the midst of his astronomical discoveries.

Harvey was 47 when he discovered the circulation of the blood, and Jenner 45 when he discovered the smallpox virus.

Bismark was 57 and von Moltke 72 when, together, they consummated the unification of Germany

Scipio Africanus was 52 when he defeated Hannibal at Zama, and Julius Caesar was past 45 when he began work which made him "the foremost man of all this world."

"Frenzied Finance."

"I saw a case of 'frenzied finance' this morning that interested me very much."

"Where and what was it?"

"Couple of women on the street car. Each one insisted on paying the other's fare."

About Rheumatism.

There are few diseases that inflict more torture than rheumatism and there is probably no disease for which such a varied and useless lot of remedies have been suggested. To say that it can be cured is, therefore, a bold statement to make, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which enjoys and extensive sale, has met with great success in the treatment of this disease. One application of Pain Balm will releave the pain, and hundreds of sufferers have testified to permanent cures by its use. Why suffer when Pain Balm affords such quick relief and costs but a trifle? For sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist, Chestertown, Md.

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